



**St. Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
8:15 – 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Chris Tolbert, Carol Dawson, Jane Eastwood (departed 8:40), Tyrize Cox, Denise Stahura (CAP/RW designee), Elona Street-Stewart, Victoria Reinhardt (departed 8:40), Mary K Boyd, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter, Rev. Charles Gill (joined 8:45)

Others Present: Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators); Beth Leindecker (St. Paul – Ramsey County Public Health – Fiscal Agent)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:21 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Reinhardt lit the Children's fire with reflections on her time with the SPCC Board, and a look forward, stressing the importance of the work this Board does on behalf of the children in this community.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2012 meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Appreciation to Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt

The Board expressed their deep appreciation to Commissioner Reinhardt for her years of service and leadership on the SPCC Board. There was thanks for her calm pragmatism, her knowledge of County government, compassion, her vision about the connections between all the pieces of the systems that serve children. The board expressed both appreciation and hope that our collective paths with cross again on behalf of the children in St. Paul.

IV. Grad Nation Designation

The Tech Team followed up on the charge from the Board to review the Grad Nation materials and make a recommendation about whether or not the SPCC should join Grad Nation as an

official partner. The Tech Team recommends that the SPCC does make this step. The three Grad Nation focus areas that fit most closely with the SPCC work are:

- Provide high quality out of school time and summer learning opportunities;
- Increase parent and family engagement to support students' academic achievement; and
- Focus on providing education options that are culturally relevant based on student and community needs and interests.

There was a discussion about which schools would be the focus the SPCC Grad Nation, and the Board discussed including public and charter schools, but begin with the Saint Paul Public Schools since this board has strong connection to and access to data from the Public Schools.

Motion to have the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative officially sign on as a Grad Nation partner with the Alliance for Minnesota Youth, identifying the following three focus areas:

- **Provide high quality out of school time and summer learning opportunities;**
- **Increase parent and family engagement to support students' academic achievement; and**
- **Focus on providing education options that are culturally relevant based on student and community needs and interests.**

Motion approved.

V. Report on 2012 Grantee Progress/Results

There was a summary of the year-end reports received from all SPCC grantees in early February. Three of the grants were final (Freedom School, East Side Heritage Project, and FSU Hub), the other six were interim reports. The full reports are available to Board members by contacting Advance Consulting. Staff raised concerns with East Side Heritage Project's report, and final payment is currently being withheld pending more complete answers to justify portions of the spending. There was nothing in the reports from the current six grantees that raised concerns, so no board action is necessary and funding shall continue in accordance with the grant agreements with those six grantees.

VI. Freedom School Request

Advance Consulting, Eastwood, Cox and Turner have participated in a number of planning meetings for Freedom School for summer 2013 for the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. This proposal presented at this meeting requests the same total amount of funding as was provided by SPCC in 2012, which was \$230,000. The administration of the program this summer would be coordinated and the lead administrative agency is St. Paul Area Council of Churches. The total budget for the summer is \$434,196. The hope is that SPCC funding would provide anchor funding that would be useful in securing the remainder of the funding for 2013. The District is supportive of the program and will likely provide some portion of the funding through either in-kind or direct funding. There are a number of other grant requests pending. There was a question about whether or not the named partners in page 12 are officially on board and aware of this effort, or just listed in the proposal. There was discussion about having more stringent and specific evaluation requirements if the proposal is funded (although SPCC funds cannot be used

for evaluation). The Board recognized the YWCA for the work they did to bring Freedom School to this point, and particularly their work in 2012.

Motion to approve \$230,000 in funding for Promise Neighborhood Freedom School for 2013 to the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, with the requirement that the evaluation plan include: creation of logic model linking activities to outcomes; a process evaluation to measure the fidelity of the implementation to the Freedom School Model; a consent process up front; evaluation that includes scholars in all grades; a way to measure cumulative effective of participation in Freedom School over multiple summers and/or participation in SPPS summer school; and the potential to be part of a regional Freedom School evaluation. Motion approved.

VII. Conflict of Interest Policy

Advance Consulting provided the Board with a draft Conflict of Interest policy. There was discussion of the draft, which focuses on full disclosure in the best interests of the SPCC. There was a request that the draft be revised to include a place for each board member to sign to acknowledge that they have received and reviewed the policy.

Motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy with the modification that Board members sign to acknowledge that the policy has been received and reviewed on an annual basis, as well as the correction to change the reference to “section 3” in section 3 to “section 2.” Motion approved.

VIII. Generation Next Update

Advance Consulting and Commissioner Carter provided an update on progress of Generation Next with regard to work in St. Paul. Generation Next Executive Director will be at the April SPCC board meeting.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- Generation Next Discussion with Michael Goar - April
- 2014/15 Grant Making Process
- Community Representatives – need to officially reappoint in March
- Conversation with Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board
- Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee Overview: Neighborhood House
- Reverend Patricia Lull – discussion of Freedom School

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

**Next Board Meeting is: March 13, 2013, 8:15 – 10:00 am
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties**